Village Courts

340. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up 'Gram-Nyayalays' (Village Courts) in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Law Commission which was entrusted with the study of Judicial Reforms submitted its 114th Report on Gram Nyayalaya. Copies of this report have already been laid before both the Houses of Parliament. This report was referred to all the States/Union territories for their comments/views. So far States/Union Territories of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Nagaland, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Goa, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Lakshdweep, Pondicherry, Andaman and Nicobar Island and Delhi have sent their comments on this report. Final decision on the recommendations contained in this Report has not been taken.

Family court in the capital

341. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Family Courts in the Capital to deal, with matrimonial disputes and other family matters; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has already issued notification under Section 1(3) of the Family Courts Act for setting up of Family Courts in the capital.

Self-Employment scheme for ex-servicemen

342. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new self-employment scheme "From Arms to Farms" for ex-servicemen in rural areas has recently been introduced, and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced a new self-employment scheme "From Arms to Farms" SEMFEX-II Scheme in rural areas w.e.f. 15-1-88 with the assistance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for encouraging ex-servicemen to undertake agriculture and allied activities or to set up village and cottage industries/tiny industries. The details and salient features of this Scheme are given in the Statement.

Statement

'From arms to farms (Semfex-II) Scheme (Self-Employment) for ex-servicemen

'From Arms to Farms' (SEMFEX-II) Scheme was introduced w.e.f. 15th January, 1988 with the assistance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for encouraging ex-servicemen, disabled soldiers and widows to undertake agriculture and allied activities or to set up village and cottage industries/Tiny industries in rural areas. The scheme has two sub schemes as under:—

(a) *Farm Sector*: This covers development of agriculture and allied activities e.g. purchase of tractor, minor irrigation, farm mechanisation, land development, dairy, poultry, fisheries, sheep rearing, plantation, wasteland development, nurseries, etc.